

Chambers of Senior Judge Ira DeMent

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Ira DeMent
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931
Education: Alabama 1953 AB, 1958 JD
Began Service: April 15, 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Instructor, Jones Law School (1962-1964); Instructor, United States Infantry School (1962-1963); Instructor, Montgomery Police Academy (1964-1977); Lecturer in Constitutional Law, Alabama Police Academy (1971-1975); Adjunct Faculty, The New College, University of Alabama (1974-1975); Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Alabama (1975-1992); Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (1977)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Pelham J. Merrill, Alabama Supreme Court (1958-1959)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Alabama, United States Department of Justice (1959-1961); Assistant City Attorney, Police and Fire Departments, City of Montgomery, Alabama (1965-1969); Special Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1966-1969); United States Attorney, Middle District of Alabama, United States Department of Justice (1969-1977)

Judicial: Judge, Wake Island Court of Appeals (1985)

Legal Practice: Partner, Whitesell & DeMent; Partner, Whitesell, Alton & DeMent (1962-1965); Partner, DeMent & Wise (1982-1987)

Military Service: Major General (Retired), United States Army (1953-1974)

Current Memberships: Alabama State Bar; American Bar Association; American Inn of Court Chapter; District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Montgomery County Bar Association

Staff

Staff Attorney **Laura Wright** (334) 954-3680
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W. Harold Albritton III

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: Alabama 1959 AB, 1960 LLB
Began Service: May 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Corporate: Director, The Commercial Bank (1983-1985); Director, First Alabama Bank (1985-1991)

Judicial: Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama (1998-2004)

Legal Practice: Partner, Albrittons, Givhan & Clifton (and predecessor firms) (1962-1991)

Military Service: United States Army (1960-1962); United States Army Reserve (1962-1968)

Current Memberships: Alabama Bar Foundation; Alabama State Bar; American Bar Foundation; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Inns of Court - Montgomery Chapter; American Judicature Society; United States District Judges Association

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Education: Emory 2005 JD
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Education: Troy State 1998 BA

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Charles S. Coody
Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Spring Hill 1968 BS; Alabama 1975 JD
Began Service: May 1, 1987
Term Expires: April 30, 2011

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable T. Embry, Alabama Supreme Court (1975)

Government: General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Education (1978-1987)

Legal Practice: Associate, Smith, Bowman, Thaggard, Crook & Culpepper (1976-1978)

Military Service: United States Army (1968-1972)

Current Memberships: Alabama State Bar Association; Hugh Maddox Inn of Court

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**Vanzetta Penn McPherson**
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Howard U 1969 BS;
Columbia 1971 MA, 1974 JD
Began Service: April 6, 1992
Term Expires: 2008

Academic: Adjunct Lecturer, Evidence, University of Alabama Law School (1978)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1975-1978)

Judicial: Magistrate, Montgomery County Family Court

Legal Practice: Associate, Hughes, Hubbard & Reed (1974-1975); Private Practice (1978-1992)

Chambers of Magistrate Judge Vanzetta Penn McPherson continued

Current Memberships: Alabama State Bar Association; American Bar Association; Black Lawyers Association; Federal Bar Association, Montgomery Chapter President; National Bar Association; New York State Bar Association; Montgomery Inn of Courts

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Education: Huntingdon 1997 BA

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**Susan R. Walker**
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1956
Education: Eckerd 1977 BA;
Oxford (UK) 1980 MA; Yale 1986 JD
Began Service: 1996
Term Expires: 2012

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Frank M. Johnson, Jr. (1985-1986)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, State of Alabama (1987-1989)

Legal Practice: Miller, Hamilton, Snider & Odom, L.L.C. (1989-1996)

Staff

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Education: Mississippi Women 1979 BS;
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Delores R. Boyd
Magistrate Judge

Education: Alabama 1972 BA; Virginia 1975 JD
Began Service: September 14, 2001

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John C. Goldbold, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1975-1976)

Judicial: Presiding Judge, Montgomery Municipal Court (2000-2001)

Legal Practice: Mandell & Boyd (1976-1992); Private Practice (1992-2001)

Nonprofit: Chairperson, Alabama Board of Examiners (1995-1998); Bar Examiner (1979-1982)

Current Memberships: Alabama State Bar; American Bar Association; Hugh Maddox American Inn of Court; National Bar Association

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William R. Sawyer

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1955
Education: Valparaiso 1982 JD
Began Service: May 24, 1999
Term Expires: May 31, 2013

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Huntington College

Government: United States Department of Justice, Tax Division (1986-1989); Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of Alabama (1989-1999)

Legal Practice: Clifford, Claudon, Alexa, Sawyer (1982-1986)